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Katzenbach Considered for Next CIA Director

Johnson Studies McCone Recommendation
That Acting Attorney General Get Post

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WASHINGTON—Acting Atty. Gen. Nicholas Katzenbach has been recommended by John A. McCone, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, to be the next CIA leader.

It was learned Thursday that President Johnson is considering Katzenbach as McCone's successor.

McCone's formal resignation is before Mr. Johnson, but it has been neither announced nor accepted.

It was understood that McCone suggested a number of candidates for the nation's most sensitive intelligence post. But Katzenbach's name was at the top of the McCone list.

The President reportedly has not made a final decision on Katzenbach. That decision will depend largely on what Mr. Johnson decides to do about the Justice Department.

Started in August

Katzenbach has served as acting attorney general since last August, when Robert F. Kennedy left to run for the U.S. Senate from New York. Mr. Johnson never has indicated that Katzenbach would eventually receive the full title of attorney general.

Officials did not rule out the possibility that Katzenbach will be asked to stay on as attorney general.

Katzenbach was brought into Washington by President John F. Kennedy. He first served as assistant at-

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orney general in the office of legal counsel and later as deputy attorney general.

He is known best for his role during the civil rights crises at Oxford, Miss., in 1962 and at the University of Alabama in 1963.

At the University of Mississippi two years ago, Katzenbach directed a force of federal marshals during a night of rioting over the admission of James Meredith, the first Negro known to attend the institution.

Later Katzenbach was involved at the University of Alabama in the "schoolhouse door" showdown with Alabama Gov. George Wallace.

Katzenbach also is the architect of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. His work at the Justice Department has gained him wide respect as both an administrator and a "tough-minded" legal expert.

He has an extensive legal background and is a graduate of Yale Law School. He also was a Rhodes Scholar.

He served as a navigator in the Air Force during World War II and spent two years in a German prison camp after his plane was shot down over the Mediterranean in February, 1943.

The CIA post is opening because of McCone's desire to return to private business in Los Angeles. McCone has served in his present capacity since 1961 following a CIA shakeup after the Bay of Pigs disaster. He succeeded Allen Dulles.

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